Assembly Bill No. 400

CHAPTER 364

An act to add Section 13107.5 to the Elections Code, relating to ballots.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 400, Simitian. Ballot designations.

Existing law allows a candidate for elective office, with the exception of specified judicial offices, to designate, in not more than 3 words, the principal professions, vocations, or occupations of the candidate currently or during the preceding calendar year.

This bill would provide that a candidate's ballot designation as "community volunteer" shall constitute a valid principal vocation or occupation for purposes of existing law, if not otherwise in violation of any of the restrictions set forth in that law, and subject to specified conditions. It would require the Secretary of State to adopt implementing regulations.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 13107.5 is added to the Elections Code, to read:

- 13107.5. (a) A candidate's ballot designation as "community volunteer" shall constitute a valid principal vocation or occupation for purposes of subdivision (a) of Section 13107, if not otherwise in violation of any of the restrictions set forth in that section, and subject to the following conditions:
- (1) A candidate's community volunteer activities constitute his or her principal profession, vocation, or occupation.
- (2) A candidate is not engaged concurrently in another principal profession, vocation, or occupation.
- (3) A candidate may not use the designation of "community volunteer" in combination with any other principal profession, vocation, or occupation designation.
- (b) The Secretary of State shall by regulation define what constitutes a community volunteer for purposes of this section.